

Visiting President tours Jarash

JARASH, May 12 (JNA). — Mauritanian President Mukhtar Daddah, accompanied by Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat visited Jarash this morning and heard an account of the town's ancient history. The Mauritanian president visited the Roman amphitheatre, the temple of Zeus, the Forum and the street of columns in the ancient Roman city.

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Palestinians replenish arms

BEIRUT, Lebanon, May 12 (AP). — The top military commander of Palestinian forces said today Palestinian guerrillas have "more than replenished" the arms they lost during Israel's invasion of south Lebanon. "We are proud to announce that we have replenished all our losses and have in fact increased our strength," Khalil Wazir, code-named Abu Jihad, the over-all military commander of guerrilla forces, said in Lebanon. Wazir did not say where and how the guerrillas got their new arms, but he implied the aid came from neighbouring Syria, whose forces police an 18-month old civil war armistice in the rest of Lebanon. "The resistance (guerrilla) movement and Syria have set up a joint committee for long-term strategic coordination," he said.

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Pope will attend Moro state funeral ceremony

ROME, May 12 (R). — Pope Paul today stepped into the controversy over a state funeral service for murdered ex-minister Aldo Moro by saying he would attend the government ceremony boycotted by the politician's embittered family.

As the Vatican announced a Pope's unprecedented participation at the funeral service for a layman, leftwing urban guerrillas claimed their 34th victim in eight days by shooting a Milan Christian Democrat in the leg.

Thio Berardini, 41, the secretary of a Party branch in Milan, was shot five times in the leg by another bloody member from the guerrillas that war against the state did not stop at the murder of Mr. Moro.

An anonymous caller to local news organisations claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of the Red Brigades, Mr. Moro's killers. It was the seventh leg shooting in the north of Italy in eight days and the third since the Italian's murder on Tuesday.

A Vatican statement said a Pope would go to the state funeral service tomorrow to demonstrate his particular affection for Mr. Moro to the Italian people.

Simplicity

The funeral mass will be held at the expressed wishes of the Moro family -- to bury him on Wednesday in the utmost simplicity he himself had demanded.

Nicola Rana, the politician's secretary and spokesman for a Moro, told the newspaper La Repubblica today: "No one from the family will be going. Aldo Moro has been buried, his funeral has taken place."

The Pope, a long-time friend of Mr. Moro who made numerous personal appeals to Brigades to spare him, will make only his second trip inside the Vatican this year. On his 15-year papacy, he has restricted his attendance at funerals to those of cardinals.

Today's guerrilla victim in Milan received the typical "punishment" meted out by the leaders to dozens of establishment figures in the past two years. Mr. Berardini was leaving his home in a Milan suburb when three attackers, believed to have included women, ambushed him. He fell in a hail of pistol bullets and lay a pool of blood as the guerrillas escaped.

Lebanese paper says U.S. considering bases in Middle East

BEIRUT, May 12 (R). — A Lebanese newspaper reported today that the U.S. is considering a plan to set up military bases in the Middle East to offset western interests and encourage Arab-Israeli peace moves.

As Safir, a leftwing daily, in detailed proposals, have been submitted to a special congressional committee by a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) mission which had made secret tour of the region.

U.S. embassy sources in Beirut said they had no knowledge of any such scheme. According to the newspaper, Israel and Saudi Arabia have already responded positively to the plan which provides for a maximum of 10,000 men to be stationed at air, naval and army bases in several countries.

As Safir said the CIA team, led by a Jim Roland, has suggested using air bases in Israel-occupied Sinai and naval stations at Jaffa.

It also proposed setting up electronic early-warning system stretching from the Suez Canal through Sinai and Jordan to the Golan Heights. The plan further recommended establishing bases in Jordan and Lebanon which would be linked to similar security arrangements in Iran and the Gulf states, the newspaper said.

The CIA was reported as saying the number of troops

Bank worker

Mr. Berardini, a bank worker who is on the committee of the Milan Christian Democratic Party, underwent an immediate operation but his condition was not critical.

The guerrillas later abandoned a get-away car, leaving behind a machine pistol, ammunition and a tennis bag from which they were reported to have pulled out the weapon to shoot their victim.

With every attack, the Brigades are maintaining a chilling strategy of tension which leaves Italians in no doubt that they can strike with virtual impunity.

In Rome, government sources said that Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti would wait for the results of local elections on Sunday before naming a successor to Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga, who resigned on Wednesday.

Mr. Andreotti has taken over the portfolio himself and is now in charge of the police search for the kidnappers of Mr. Moro and the guerrilla gunmen spreading terror in the north.

West German guerrilla suspect arraigned

FRANKFURT, West Germany, May 12 (R). — Suspected urban guerrilla Stefan Wisniewski, arrested at Orly Airport in Paris yesterday, was charged here today with membership of an illegal organisation, justice officials said.

Wisniewski, 25, whom police suspect of involvement in the kidnapping and murder of business leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer last year, was earlier escorted from France to this small town near Karlsruhe in south-west Germany.

The young West German, said to have been trained at an Arab guerrilla camp in South Yemen, was one of 20 alleged guerrillas most sought by West German authorities.

He was also said in the charges to have acted as a "link man" between hard-core guerrillas and their supporters, an official of the Federal Supreme Court said in Karlsruhe.

No charges relating to Mr. Schleyer's murder were laid immediately. Court officials said more inquiries were needed on this matter.



A Nigerian trooper, part of the 250-strong reinforcements for UNIFIL that arrived in Lebanon on Friday, carries his gear on his head as he disembarks from a transport plane at Beirut airport. (AP wirephoto)

Hoss launches last ditch attempt to resolve Lebanese government crisis

BEIRUT, May 12 (R). — Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss is expected to hold final talks with rival political leaders over the next few days in a last ditch attempt to resolve Lebanon's protracted government crisis.

Informed sources said Dr. Hoss was likely to urge the leaders of the main political-religious blocs to bury their differences or face the prospect of a new cabinet incapable of dealing with the country's chronic internal problems.

The prime minister's eight-man cabinet of technocrats resigned on April 19 to make way for career politicians, but bitter inter-party squabbling has frustrated his efforts to form a new government.

Dr. Hoss told reporters yesterday he was giving himself a last chance to form a cabinet of national unity.

Not ideal government

If he failed, he would appoint another kind of government "which may not be the most suitable for the requirements of the present stage," he said.

Dr. Hoss said he was aiming for a 16- or 18-man cabinet drawn from groups inside and out of parliament and representing "the various political trends."

In an obvious reference to the difficulties of his task, he said he was not seeking an ideal government.

"What we want is the best practicable government in the light of our bitter reality," he said.

The prime minister's efforts have collided with the insistence of the powerful rightwing parties on a cabinet comprised exclusively of members of parliament.

This represents a veto on leftist groups which have grown in strength since the single-house body was elected five years ago, but which are not represented in parliament.

The rightwing Phalangist and National Liberal Parties have said they would also accept ministers who were committed to a declaration of principles approved by Parliament on April 27.

A major provision of the six-point plan was to curb Palestinian guerrilla activity in Lebanon -- a point criticised by leftists allied to the Palestinians.

Dr. Hoss' task has been further complicated by internal party splits and recurrent clashes between rightwing militias and troops attached to a

30,000-strong Arab League peacekeeping force.

Former prime minister Rashid Karami, a conservative Moslem, has been a prominent critic of the parliamentary plan.

In an unusually flippant remark to reporters this week, Mr. Karami suggested that elections should be held despite the uncertain security situation.

"Whoever stays alive after the elections will get a house seat," he said.

UNIFIL introduces new security measures

TYRE, Lebanon, May 12 (R). — United Nations peacekeeping troops today began introducing new security measures around this southern Lebanese port after completing a re-deployment in the region.

The measures included the joint setting up of checkpoints with Lebanese gendarmes at the entrances to villages.

A Senegalese officer told reporters a meeting was held today at the new headquarters of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) at the border post of Naqoura, a few kms from the Israeli frontier. The main topic of discussion was general security in the south following the UNIFIL troop movements, he said.

Senegalese troops today set up an observation post in the Zaharani oil terminal area, north of here. An officer in charge of the post said it was a substitute for the UNIFIL headquarters which was moved from Zaharani to Naqoura last Monday.

All was reported quiet in the region today as about 250 Nigerian soldiers arrived in Beirut to join their UNIFIL comrades. This brought the number of U.N. troops deployed under a Security Council resolution calling for a complete Israeli pullback from southern Lebanon to about 4,200 men, a U.N. spokesman said. A further 350 Nigerians were expected to fly to Beirut in a week's time, he added. They would probably

take up positions in the central sector of the south which Israeli invasion forces evacuated recently.

No timing for Israeli withdrawal

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP). — The head of U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, Lt. Gen. Ennio Sillanvuo, met Israeli Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eitan today without hearing when Israel will withdraw its army from southern Lebanon.

"The Israel government will decide the timing of the withdrawal later," the Finnish general told reporters after his talks with Eitan. Sillanvuo said the Israeli chief of staff had reiterated Israel's intention of pulling out of southern Lebanon.

Eitan raises storm in Israel

JERUSALEM, May 12 (R). — A statement by Israel's new Chief of Staff that the country must hold on to the occupied West Bank has caused a political storm here.

The Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), on whose 15 member-group Prime Minister Menachem Begin relies for a comfortable parliamentary majority, has joined opposition spokesmen in expressing surprise and anger at the statement by Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan.

The DMC's leader, Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, told reporters he intended to raise the issue at next Sunday's weekly meeting of the cabinet.

In a television interview last night, General Eitan said the Israel army could not defend the country without controlling the occupied West Bank and the Golan Heights.

Senate expected to reject veto on planes

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Agencies). — Senate and administration officials predict the senate on Monday will reject attempts to veto President Carter's proposed sale of warplanes to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel. Yesterday the Senate Foreign Relations Committee split down the middle on the controversial plan.

Six of Mr. Carter's fellow democrats voted against the administration.

The White House spokesman said President Carter was extremely gratified by the committee's refusal to vote a resolution of disapproval and said the president remained confident that the full Senate would accept the planned planes sale.

"He deeply appreciates the courage and statesmanship shown by the eight members who supported his position," the spokesman added.

A pro-administration vote in the Senate would mean the sales would go through automatically since Congress can veto them only by a majority vote in both the Senate and House.

The house of representatives international relations committee is considering the issue and its chairman, Democrat Clement Zablocki of Wisconsin, said he believed the panel would vote next Tuesday to approve the sales.

But if the senate settle the issue before then, the House committee is likely to avoid taking the politically dangerous vote.

After deadlocking on a resolution to disapprove of all three sales, the Foreign Relations Committee then acted to place limits on the coming Senate debate and avoid damaging U.S. relations in the Middle East.

It did this by voting to report its action -- or lack of action -- to the full Senate, a parliamentary manoeuvre that pre-empted threatened efforts by other Senators to bring up the issue of the sales on an individual basis.

A member of the committee, Democrat Richard Stone of Florida, explained that the Senate could thus decide whether the sales would "hurt or help (Egypt and President Anwar Sadat) of the peace negotiations."

He said forcing the senate to consider the issue as a three-nation package would avoid what he called "a popularity contest between three countries on the Senate floor."

A leading administration supporter on the committee, South Dakota Democrat George McGovern, sought to avoid

subjecting the administration proposals to defeat or deadlock by proposing that the committee take no action at all on the sales.

His proposal was defeated after Idaho Democrat Frank

Church called it a "bug out" (abdication of responsibility), but Senator McGovern later said of the 8-8 vote on the package: "There is no question the president won a victory."

Arafat says Palestinian guerrillas stay in south

BAHRAIN, May 12 (R). — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat said today Palestinian guerrillas would remain in south Lebanon despite the deployment of United Nations peace-keeping forces in the area.

"Our forces have been in the south for years and remained there even after the Israeli invasion," Mr. Arafat told Reuters in a reference to the events of last March.

He said there were tactical withdrawals necessitated by battles with the Israeli troops. But he added "we insist on our basic presence there."

Earlier in the day, Mr. Arafat told members of the small Palestinian community in Bahrain that the commandos would carry out more actions similar to their attack near Tel Aviv in March, in which more than 45 people were killed.

"Our operations will continue in Tel Aviv and other areas till we achieve victory and hoist our flags on Jerusalem and other cities of our occupied homeland," he said.

He condemned American policy in the Middle East, charging that its aim was to liquidate the PLO and deny the Palestinians their rights to return home.

"But not everything decided by (President) Carter or (Israeli Premier Menachem) Begin is destiny," Mr. Arafat said.

He also denied reports that Cuban military personnel have joined commando forces in Lebanon.

"We have high esteem for and deep friendship with Cuba, but we do not others to fight for us," Mr. Arafat said.

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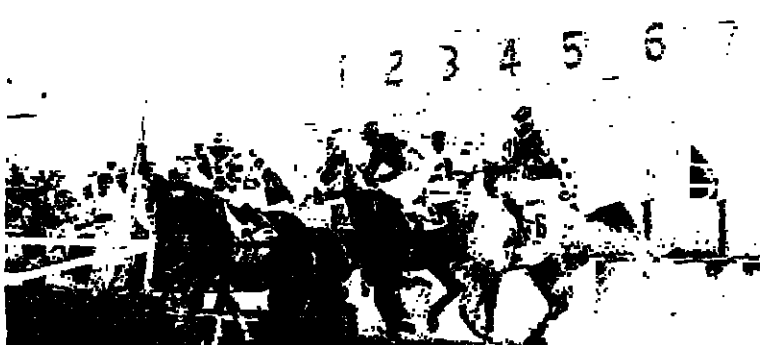
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The dilemma of statehood and water rights

It's rather poetic that while Israel celebrates its 30th anniversary in a virtual state of siege, its new armed forces chief of staff, General Eitan, says that Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the Golan Heights cannot be considered because that would make it difficult to defend Israel. He is not saying anything new that has not been said a thousand times before by other Israeli leaders, but it strikes us as something of a shame for the Israelis themselves that they are unable to come out of the security-consciousness maze in which they have been for the 30 years that they celebrate this week.

The security dictates of any state are easy to understand. But a few days ago, Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, in a meeting with students in Haifa, said that Israel had to stay in the West Bank because "one-third of our water comes from aquifers located there. If we relinquish control, the flow can be stopped and Israel may be literally dehydrated." Now this makes an interesting point to ponder along with the security reasons that General Eitan has put forward for staying in the West Bank. We believe Mr. Sharon's viewpoint is probably more dangerous, because it indicates that a person will come up with as many reasons as are required to seal an argument for continuing the occupation and colonisation of someone else's land. Neither of these men, of course, has touched on the claim that God promised the West Bank to Abraham, and Menachem Begin is Abraham's representative on earth.

The lessons to be learned from this trend of events is that Israel will not leave the occupied territories very quickly, for reasons of security, water, heavenly covenants made four thousand years ago, or whatever else may be suggested as the occasion demands. Better than anything else we can think of, this illustrates that Israel celebrates 30 years of statehood without yet being able to celebrate one minute of the mutual acceptance by its neighbours that is the only guarantor of legitimacy and the breath of life of true independence.

Given what General Eitan and Mr. Sharon are saying, it is probably more appropriate for Israelis this week to mark the failure of their leaders to achieve recognition for Israel in the Middle East, than to mark a statehood that is still undefined and marred by the state's territorial expansion and occupation of Arab territories.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

"Israel yesterday celebrated the 30th anniversary of its creation amid strict and unprecedented security measures -- an anniversary marking the lapse of three decades over the biggest human, moral and political tragedy in modern history, a tragedy that befell the people and land of Palestine, and resulted in a spearhead tearing up the Arab homeland, draining its potential and threatening to rob it of more of its territory." AL DUSTOUR said Friday in an editorial entitled "The Wolf in Its 30th Year."

During these three decades, the Middle East has been afflicted with four wars, and has become a hotbed of trouble in our contemporary times. It has become quite clear that the Israeli entity does not want to stop devouring more Arab lands, Al Dustour continues, and so the world now finally hears the howling of the Israeli wolf who has been disguised for long in the skin of a lamb.

Throughout the numerous turns and twists in the fortunes of the Arabs and the world that followed the birth of the wolf, two basic facts have not changed. First, Jordan which suffered the severest misfortunes for the sake of the Arab cause, shall continue to firmly protect the Arab hinterland and defend the Arab cause. Secondly, the people of Palestine, despite all the calamities, have been able to retain their Arab identity and beggar children who would resist the aggressors to such an extent that these aggressors have been forced to call up their forces in strength and surround themselves with an armed fence while celebrating the 30th anniversary of their birth, the newspaper says.

WHAT'S GOING ON

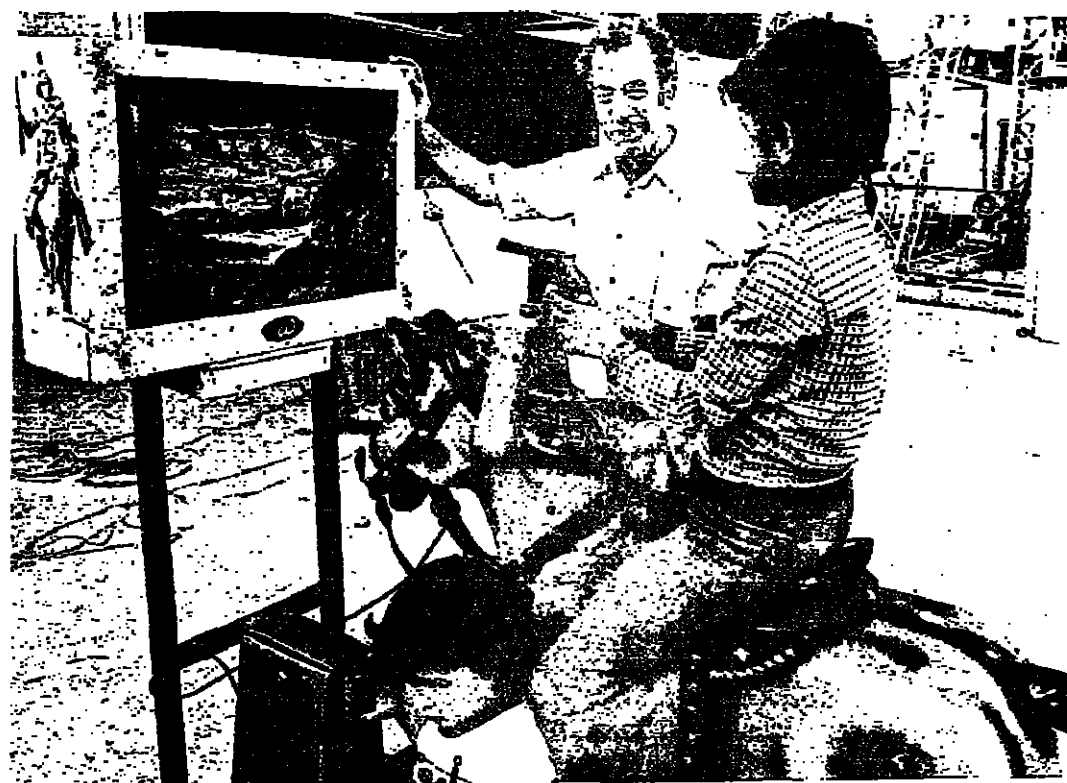
Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute is showing an exhibition of art by the Hagenring group from West Germany. The exhibition is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily and runs until May 15.

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Leonardo Da Vinci

Jordan's Circassians hang on to their traditions

Text and photos by Marianne Pearson
 Special to the Jordan Times



A member of the Ahli Sports Club smiles at youngsters eager for the Luna Amusement Park to open. The club raises funds for its sports activities by leasing land next to the clubhouse to the park for the summer season. Known as "school of the players," the Club has three football teams and basketball and handball teams as well. A wall of trophies in its clubhouse testifies to their successes. Matches are often held at Sports City.

The Circassians, the first people from outside the Middle East to settle in the Amman area in modern times, ceased to be a nation sometime in the 1880's. Greatly outnumbered after over 70 years of warfare with Tsarist Russians and Cossacks in the Caucasus, and responding to promises of resettlement and a better life by the Ottoman Turks, a great number left. Most settled in Turkey, but a number, in three successive groups, came to the land of present-day Jordan.

Dr. Shawkat Mufti, author of *Heroes and Emperors in Circassian History*, says his grandfather arrived with bullets still in his body. Dr. Mufti, the first Jordanian Circassian to practice medicine, is an authority on the Circassian language and history.

Conditions were difficult here for a people accustomed to well-watered, mountainous land. Epidemics were common. The Circassians at first lived in the caves near the Roman amphitheatre and this part of the city still bears the Circassian name, Shapsugh. They fished in the Zarqa river, which now runs beneath downtown traffic, and practiced feather and metal work. When land was allotted to them, they cultivated it, being skilled agriculturalists. "At that time," said Dr. Mufti, "every bit of Amman was owned by Circassians." They fought with the Bedouin who came to rob them, and later became friends with them.

The first mosques and houses in Amman, Na'ur, Sweilah, Zarqa, Jarash, Wadi Seer, and Rusifeh were built by them. They did not establish businesses however: trade was considered un-Circassian in those days.

Circassians are known for their good looks and longevity, also for character traits such as straightforwardness, independence, a sense of honour and loyalty. When Circassians give their allegiance to someone, they can be trusted. For this reason they are appreciated in government service, both civil and military.

Personal identity as a Circassian is fostered by the family, the clubs and the language.

Brig. (retired) Ahmad Shurdum, who calls himself Dr. Mufti's student in history and language, says that when he speaks Circassian he thinks and feels as a Circassian, when he speaks Arabic, he follows Arab customs. Since 1948, and the influx of Palestinians into Jordan, Arabic has been the first language for the younger generation. Brig. Shurdum and several assistants teach Circassian during school vacations to those who want to learn the language and come into touch with Circassian heritage through it.

Circassian customs are becoming modified, but family discipline still tends to be strict, with the goal of training a child toward self-discipline. Respect towards elders is inculcated: children are taught to rise when an elder enters the room. Values of honesty and straightforwardness are learned in the home.

Mrs. Janet Shami, owner of a music store, said that although her husband was from a village in Palestine and she from a cosmopolitan city in Turkey, she felt when she met him (both are Circassians) that she had known him all her life. "We have a deep, well-rooted culture."

She feels there is a worldwide trend toward materialism and that the Circassians who were formerly farmers and landowners and found themselves suddenly wealthy are a part of that. Formerly, she said, Circassians were not materialistic, but "the richer, the simpler."

Brig. Shurdum thinks that the rich are less likely to continue Circassian customs, and

more likely to adopt Western ones.

Circassian-style weddings and parties are becoming less frequent. Only four of the 12 traditional folk dances using the accordion and hand-clapping to mark the rhythm are still being performed.

Young people are still well-supervised, but may meet at clubs and folk dances. A boy may call on a girl, but it is customary for them both to be accompanied by a friend, and to have parents' approval when he does. However, intermarriage is becoming more frequent. One woman said, "I remember when marriage to a non-Circassian was an incident. Now we hardly notice it."

There are three Circassian clubs. The oldest is the Circassian Charity Association which dates back to the 1930's. It is presently providing scholarships for 21 Jordanian Circassians to study at the university in Naichik, the most important Circassian city in the Soviet Union. There are four branches in outlying communities in Jordan and a woman's branch, which is conce-

ntrating now on raising money for a new school. The Ahli Sports Club, founded in 1944, has about 300 voting members. It is known for its successful football, basketball and handball teams. Its clubhouse is a popular meeting place for card-playing and billiards, but no gambling or alcoholic beverages are permitted. The New Generation Club is primarily devoted to holding football matches.

At present there are a half million Circassians living in the Soviet Union, about 58,000 in Turkey and 50,000 in Syria, according to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. About 10,000 are in Jordan and a small number live in Iraq and Israel.

About four years ago a Circassian school was established in Amman by the Women's branch of the Circassian Charity Association. There are 108 pupils -- of whom 10 are non-Circassian -- in four grades. Plans are underway to build a new school on 14 dunums of land, a gift of His Majesty King Hussein, between Na'ur and Wadi Seer which will take the training to six grades.



At the Folklore Museum Miss Hedia Ahaza, a Circassian herself and head of the Museums Section of the Department of Antiquities, examines a model of Mamalla, a Circassian soldier who served King Abdulla. He is armed with a pistol and sword and wears gunpowder pouches in his breast pockets.



Children attending the Circassian School, run by the Women's Branch of the Circassian Charity Society, study the Circassian language one hour daily in addition to the curriculum prescribed by the Ministry of Education.



Capt. Musa Yusef (left) and Lt. Issa Ahmad (right) stand at the door of Prince Hassan's office at Basman Palace. Gerald Lancaster Harding in *Antiquities of Jordan* wrote, "The Royal Body Guard is composed entirely of mounted Circassians in their traditional dress, and very fine and imposing it is." They haven't used horses since the 60's, but the adjectives still hold. Today eight Circassian soldiers are on duty at the palace.



Dr. Shawkat Mufti and his daughter look at an illustration in his book *Heroes and Emperors in Circassian History*. Married to a Swiss, she lives in Geneva where she works as an interpreter. She knows four languages, but her father, six.

A training course in Amman for car maintenance by Computer

A technical training course for the maintenance of all kinds of Dodge salon cars and pickup trucks is now being held in the Amman offices and service centre of the Jordan Trading Company Limited (Dodge agents in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).

The course is being taught with the most up-to-date electronic devices for maintenance of cars, including the automatic gear shift, air conditioning and computers.

A team of experts from the International Chrysler Corporation, headed by chief trainer Mr. Herbert Renck, has arrived in Amman to supervise the course.

The course is being attended by a number of the Jordanian firm's technicians along with several technicians working for Chrysler agents in the Arab countries.

The course will last for two weeks.

Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of May 13 - May 19)

EXHIBITS

"Vision Esferica" is the title of a one-man show by Babbili that will be on view to the public until Wednesday 17, in the Spanish Cultural Centre. Many of the oil paintings are in the artist's new "bowl" style, rendering the subject through a convex mirror (see photograph studied at the University of Damascus, Glasgow and in London. The current show marks the 5th anniversary of the young artist-photographer whose works have been since 1964 in Hamburg, Copenhagen, Valencia, Kuwait, Aleppo and Damascus.

"Palestinian Revolution" is the theme of an exhibition of 40 oils and five etchings by four Palestinian artists: Azzam, Zaid, Ali Kufri, Shafieh Radwan and Sumaya. The show will continue until Friday, May 19, in Al Sha'b Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

SDAY, May 17: Opening of a one-man show of 32 oils modern French Impressionist Jean-Pierre Monage. Ur-t Gallery, Meridien Hotel, through May 31. Hours: 9 a.m.; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

SDAY, May 17: "Youth and the World Festival," a exhibition portraying the development of youth in the Democratic Republic between the 10th and 11th inter-festivals. A 6 p.m. reception and film will open the at will run until May 31. German Democratic Republic Centre.

exhibition of 40 olive wood sculptures by Sueida artists and Butros Romheim, has been extended to the end of the Meridien Hotel coffee shop and main lobby.

THEATRE

SDAY, May 13: "The Travels of Handallah," a political tilising characters from Arabic mythology in a contemporary setting adapted for the stage by Sa'dullah Wanouse. Cume is 8:30 p.m. at Al Kabbani Theatre. The production Experimental Theatre of Syria is under direction of Fa-jur. Indefinite run.

LECTURES

SDAY, May 13: "Comparative Literature," by Dr. Husam b. 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

Y, May 15: "Meeting to Advance Youth in the World," Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

Y, May 16: "Cottbus and Frankfurt," an illustrated ture by Hind Khouri at 6 p.m. German Democratic Re-cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

SDAY, May 17: "Le Jazz" by Jean-Francois Crettien. 1. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

SDAY, May 17: "What Do You Know About Youth?" a role discussion convening at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural (in Arabic).

FILMS

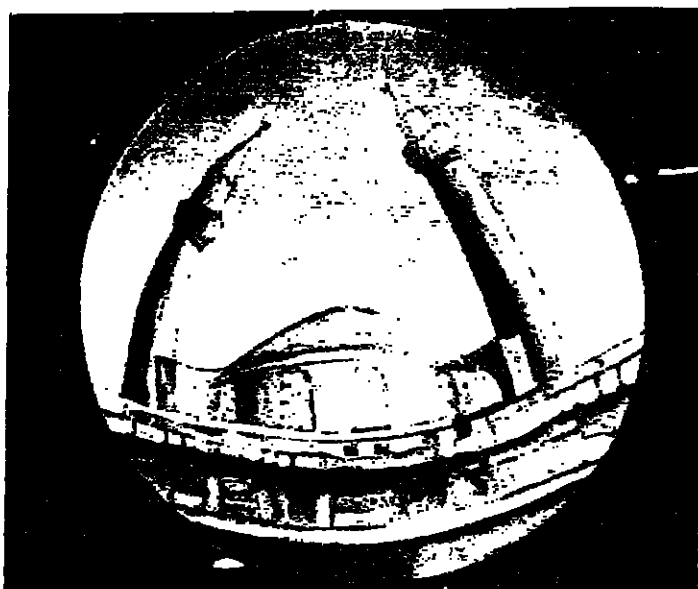
SDAY, May 13: "Hotel du Nord," a 1938 film by Marcel ith Louis Juvet, Arletty and Bernard Blier. 8 p.m. Cultural Centre, (in French).

Y, May 15: "Cavalier without Head," 6 p.m. Soviet Centre, (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

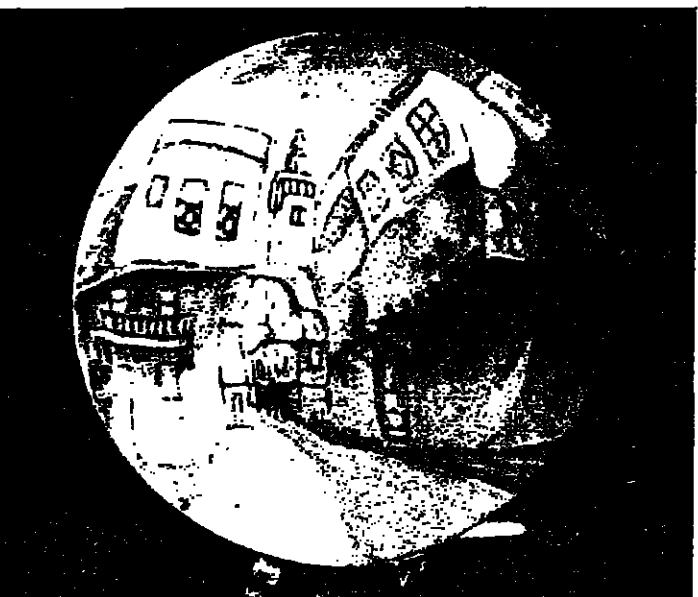
Y, May 16, at 8 p.m. and FRIDAY, May 19, at 7 p.m.: "vous a Bray," starring Anna Karina, Mathieu Carriere le Ogier. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

SDAY, May 17: "Give Me Your Hand My Friend," 6 'et Cultural Centre, (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

May 19: "Mimino," 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic sub-titles).



"Suleiman Mosque" as viewed by artist Mousbah Babbili. Oil: lavender, turquoise, pastel blue. The one-man show will continue through Wednesday, May 19, at the Spanish Cultural Centre.



"Al Kalasi Road" portrayed in lavender, teal blue, aqua, persimmon and white in the unique "convex" style of Mousbah Babbili.

ELSEWHERE IN SYRIA

Simultaneous shows featuring 45 works by 45 Syrian artists will be open to the public through Friday, May 19 in the Gallery of Modern Art, Aleppo National Museum, and at the Home Art Syndicate. Noted artists in the exhibition include Nassir Chaura, Fatch Moudarres, Mahmoud Hamad, Nazir N'ab'a and Turki Mahmoud Bey.

Israel licence action to be discussed in Rabat

AMMAN, May 12 (JT). — The President of Jordan's Medical Association, Hassan Khreis, has announced that the Administrative Board of the Arab Medical Federation will hold an extraordinary meeting in Rabat, Morocco, next Tuesday to discuss the deteriorating health situation in the occupied Arab lands and the recent Israeli decision concerning the licences of pharmacists and doctors there.

Mr. Khreis said that the Jordanian delegation will submit a report on the decision of the new Israeli military governor and will ask the participants to protest to the United Nations and other international organisations against the decision.

The Jordanian delegation will suggest bringing the matter before the International Court of Justice in the Hague on the basis that it violates international law, he added. Mr. Khreis pointed out that he received a report from the Medical Association in the West Bank on the Israeli decision and the resulting situation there.

The Jordanian delegation will also include Dr. Ahmad Hamzeh Al Natsbeh and one of the doctors deported from the West Bank by the Israeli forces.

National News Roundup ...

Prince Mohammad opens statistical and social tourist meet

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA). — The fifth statistics and social symposium of the World Tourist Organisation in the Middle East, under the sponsorship of His Highness Prince Mohammad was opened here this morning. Prince Mohammad is the honorary President of Jordan's Higher Tourist Committee. Opening the meeting, the Director General of Tourism, Mr. Michael Hamarneh, disclosed Jordan's annual revenue from tourism amounts to some \$300 million. Mr. Hamid Abdul Majeed, Under-secretary of the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and President of the Middle East Committee, said, during the meeting the Middle East did not receive its due share of the international tourist movement. During the past few years only about four million tourists visited the area per year, a figure equal to one and a half to two per cent of world tourists. They yielded an income ranging between one and a half and two billion dollars which equals about three per cent of the world tourist income. Considering that the Middle East holds at least one quarter and possibly one third of the world's tourist attractions this share is less than it should be Mr. Abdul Majeed pointed out. Participants in the symposium come from Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, North and South Yemen, the World Tourist Organisation, the Arab Union for Tourism and tourist agencies at large. The opening session was attended by the under-secretaries of the ministries of information and industry and commerce and other interested groups.

South Korean premier bestows medal on Bahjat Talhouni

SEOUL, May 12 (R). — Bahjat Talhouni, Speaker of the Upper House, received the order of distinguished diplomatic service merit from South Korean Prime Minister Choi Kyu-hah today. Mr. Talhouni arrived on Wednesday for a six-day visit at the invitation of Korean National Assembly Speaker Chung Il-kwan.

Coming & Going...

Moh'd Ali Budeir heads commerce delegation to Jeddah

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA). — Chairman of the Amman Chamber of Commerce Mohammad Ali Budeir left here this evening for Saudi Arabia at the head of a team including chairmen of the chambers of commerce in Jordan and the West Bank to take part in the 22nd session of Arab chambers of commerce, industry and agriculture conference which opens in Jeddah Saturday. The week-long meeting will discuss several topics including development of inter-Arab economic cooperation.

Pakistani Islamic leader arrives for three-day visit

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA). — The President of the Islamic Ideology Council in Pakistan, Justice Mohammad Afzal Cheema, arrived here this afternoon on a three-day official visit. The visit is part of a tour of Islamic countries during which Justice Cheema will acquaint leaders on conditions in Pakistan and promote Islamic relations between Pakistan and other Moslem states. During his visit here Justice Cheema will meet with the Minister of Waqfs and Holy Places Affairs, Mr. Kamel Al Sharif and a number of Moslem ulemas and personalities in Jordan.

S. Korean firm named

In Thursday's issue of the Jordan Times it was announced that a South Korean firm had signed an agreement with the Arab Forash Company to construct a \$24 million housing complex for the Federal project in the Jordan Valley. The name of the company is the Shing Seung Construction Corporation. It is the third housing contract in two years won by the Shing Seung projects here.

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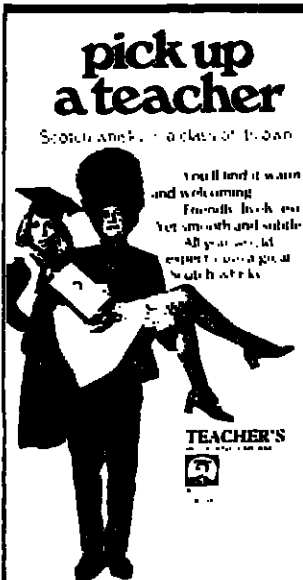
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6:30 Arabic programme		9:00 David Nixon Show
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7:00 Documentary film		10:00 News in English
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10:00 News Headlines	
10:05 Morning Show	
10:30 Jordan Weekly	17:30 Melody time
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08:15 Europe	18:30 Play of the Week
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	22:30 Jazz for the Asking

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9:50 Agaba	9:50 Cairo (EA)
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10:50 Beirut	11:00 Benghazi
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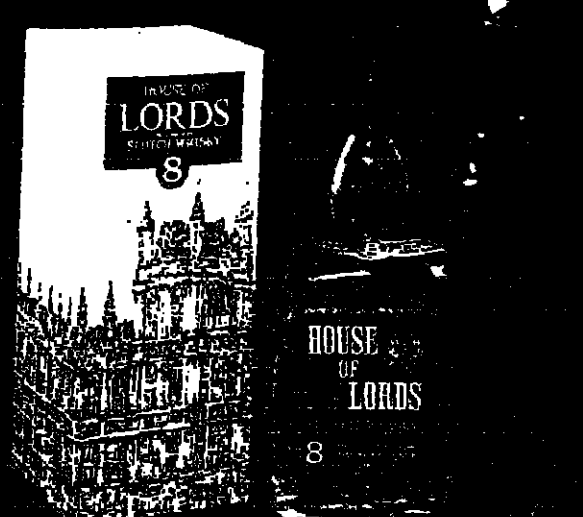
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U.S., Israel protest demand that PLO sign law of sea convention

GENEVA, May 12 (R). — The United Nations Law of the Sea Conference was hit by a new political wrangle last night when Arab delegations said groups like the Palestine Liberation Organisation should be allowed to sign a projected convention.

The Arab proposal, backed by the Soviet delegation, brought immediate protests from the conference envoys of Israel and the United States.

Israeli delegate Shabtai Rosenne said it would be "illogical and unwise" to include liberation groups in the Law of the Sea Convention.

U.S. delegate Bernard Osman said there was no precedent for liberation groups becoming parties to international conventions. "This proposal could complicate efforts to resolve other issues and secure a widely ratified convention," the U.S. envoy said.

Since the conference takes only consensus decisions, there was no vote on the proposal but it gave a stormy ending to yesterday's proceedings, with the present two-month session about to enter its final week.

A leading American scientist and member of the U.S. delegation meanwhile told reporters he was "shocked" and "very disappointed" by the lack of progress being made.

Dr. William Nierenberg, Director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, also attacked developing nations for their "attitude to the conference."

Saying that he was not speaking for the U.S. delegation, Dr. Nierenberg said: "My feeling is that 98 per cent of the delegations are generally afraid of science."

"I am bewildered by the fact that such nations as the Soviet Union, Britain, France, Japan and Canada are absolutely supine in the conference. They are letting a treaty be rammed down their throats," the scientist said.

The present session is the

seventh since the conference started five years ago in an effort to set international rules for exploration of the sea's fish and mineral wealth and for protection of the marine environment.

The idea was to draw up and sign a binding international convention.

Before the present session began, it was hailed as the crucial one with many countries eager to get a treaty before Western industrialised nations began mining the deep seabed for manganese, copper, nickel and cobalt.

A bill at present before the conference would give U.S. mining companies the legal go-ahead to start mining the deep seabed.

Despite this, the latest session has moved at snail's pace, using up its first three weeks to elect a conference president.

It is now a foregone conclusion that a further session will be held next year and few delegates are confident that it will produce a draft law of the sea convention.

Malnutrition kills 1 baby in every 3

MANILA, May 12 (R). — Nearly a third of all babies will never reach the age of five because of malnutrition, World Food Council President Arturo Tanco has said here.

And more than a quarter of those that do survive in the world's 43 poorest countries will suffer from protein deficiency, unless rapid action is taken, he told a news conference here yesterday.

Mr. Tanco, the Philippines Agriculture Secretary, was outlining some of the problems the council hope to tackle at its fourth annual session in Mexico from June 12 to 16.

He said World Health Organisation studies suggested that it was feasible to eradicate within ten years such problems as goitre which affects 200 million people, and vitamin A deficiency which causes blindness in 100,000 people every year.

Last year saw record world grain production, yet some of the 43 food-deficient countries were worse off because much of the increase was in the surplus countries, he said.

"The poorest countries, by standing still, are falling behind," Mr. Tanco said.

One of the most lively debates is likely to concern disagreements between the developing countries, which say they need more external assistance to increase their food

production, and developed countries which say the main problem is that the poorer nations do not do enough to help themselves.

Development assistance last year amounted to about \$5.5 billion, which the developing countries believe was \$3 billion less than was needed.

Carter rejects lower El Al fares to N.Y.

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP). — President Carter yesterday rejected a proposal by Israel's El Al Airlines for a low-cost standby fare between New York and Tel Aviv.

Carter acted on a recommendation of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The president makes the final decision on routes involving international travel to this country.

The CAB said that while it approves of low fares, it made the recommendation because of the Israeli government's refusal to approve a reduced advanced purchase fare sought by Trans World Airlines between New York and Tel Aviv.

El Al proposed a roundtrip standby fare of \$575, increasing to \$675 in the peak season. TWA offered a \$545 advanced purchase fare, with the cost going to \$655 in peak travel time.

The lowest peak travel roundtrip fare now available between the two cities is \$817.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Jim Rice's two-run homer gives Boston 5-4 win over Baltimore

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP).

— A two-run homer by Jim Rice, his 11th of the season and sixth in the last 11 games, triggered the Boston Red Sox to a 5-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles last night.

Rice, who has driven in 19 runs while hitting safely in ten of his last 11 games, connected off Dennis Martinez following a leadoff single by Jerry Remy in the third inning. Fred Lynn, who had a single, double and triple off Martinez, scored on a sacrifice fly by Dwight Evans in the second after hitting a triple with one out.

The Red Sox added two runs in the ninth in a rally keyed by Bernie Carbo's RBI single and they turned out to be crucial scores because Baltimore came back with a two-run rally of its own in the bottom of the inning. Dick Drago finally put the fire out after giving up a sacrifice fly to Eddie Murray and an RBI single to Lee May.

Unbeaten Bill Lee notched his fifth victory with 22-3 innings of relief help.

The contest was the only one played in the American League, which had two games rained out — Minnesota at Chicago and California at Detroit.

In the National League, a two-run triple by Richie Hebner and Greg Luzinski's home run backed Steve Carlton's six-hit pitching as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-1.

Bob Knepper fired a six-hitter and Jack Clark and Willie McCovey belted run-scoring triples, carrying the San

Francisco Giants to a 6-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Bobby Valentine singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the New York Mets edged the Montreal Expos 3-2. Pitch-hitter Rudy Meoli stroked a ninth-inning, bases-loaded single to give the Chicago Cubs a 4-3 triumph over the San Diego Padres.

In a late National League game on the West Coast, Bob Forsch fired a three-hitter for his third shutout of the season and Ted Simmons broke a scoreless tie with a seventh-inning home run as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-0.

Baseball results and standings after Thursday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	17	7	.708	—
Boston	20	11	.645	1 1/2
New York	16	10	.615	3
Cleveland	12	14	.462	6
Milwaukee	12	15	.444	6 1/2
Baltimore	11	16	.407	7 1/2
Toronto	10	18	.357	9

WEST:

	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	19	9	.679	—
California	18	9	.667	1 1/2
Kansas City	15	12	.556	3 1/2
Texas	13	12	.520	4 1/2
Chicago	8	16	.333	9
Seattle	11	22	.333	10 1/2
Minnesota	10	21	.323	10 1/2

Thursday's Games:

Boston 5, Baltimore 4
California at Detroit, postponed rain
Minnesota at Chicago, postponed rain
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	16	9	.640	—
Montreal	15	13	.538	2 1/2
Chicago	14	14	.500	3 1/2
St. Louis	14	15	.483	4
Pittsburgh	13	14	.481	4 1/2
New York	14	18	.438	5 1/2

WEST:

	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	17	12	.586	—
San Francisco	16	12	.571	1 1/2
Cincinnati	17	13	.567	1 1/2
Houston	11	16	.407	5 1/2
Atlanta	11	16	.407	5 1/2
San Diego	11	17	.393	6 1/2

Thursday's Games:

Chicago 4, San Diego 3
San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 2
New York 3, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 0
Only games scheduled

Unless checked, U.S. inflation to top 10%.

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP). — The chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board says if inflation is not checked it could go above ten per cent within a few years and bring about a serious recession.

Reserve Board Chairman G. William Miller's comments came as the board continued yesterday to support his interest rate in order to combat inflation.

The FED raised its discount rate on loans to banks to seven per cent, up from 6 1/2 per cent. The board in its announcement said the move would bring the discount rate into closer alignment with short-term interest rates gen-

erally. Miller, who recently took over as the FED's chairman, said the rapid growth of the money supply has contributed to inflationary forces and has made it necessary to tighten up on the money supply.

Prices rose during the first quarter of this year at an annual inflation rate of nine per cent. However, the Carter administration predicts the inflation rate for all of 1978 will be seven per cent.

While the FED contends the higher interest rates could hold down inflation, the administration claims they also could soon down the economy by raising borrowing costs to both business and consumers.

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Americans quit Europe as dollar value drops

By Norris Willatt

LUGANO, (E.T.) — In recent days, about 30 families have handed in their resignation from the American Club. In this Swiss community. Not because they have any complaint about the club and the way it is being run, but for a much simpler reason: They are going home. The precipitous fall of the dollar in terms of the Swiss franc is sending them packing.

What is happening in Lugano is undoubtedly taking place in many other parts of Europe where expatriate Americans have tended to con-

gregate in recent years, such as Belgium, Holland and West Germany. Once, then the dollar was still a strong currency, these were elite communities where affluent Americans could conduct themselves like lords of the manor. Now they are more subdued and reflective.

The plight of lower military ranks of the U.S. armed forces stationed in West Germany, in particular, which led to rent reductions and gifts in kind from sympathetic Germans, has already been well publicised.

But Switzerland is the test case, because for so many years

After many years in which plentiful supplies of the almighty dollar ensured a comfortable life for Americans in Europe, reality European-style has caught up and the Americans are beginning to go home.

ars it has been the first choice of well-bled Americans wishing to establish themselves in Europe. These, famous movie stars, best selling novelists, the vanguard, were followed by others not all that rich, but fairly affluent. All were attracted by the indulgent attitude towards taxing foreigners.

Tax rates are still advantageous, but for a growing

number of Americans this benefit is no longer sufficient to offset the liability of a devalued dollar. The one more or less cancels out the other for many older people who have to live on their pensions. The hard fact to be faced is that the almighty American dollar, which up to a few years ago could be exchanged at any bank for over four Swiss francs, in the spring of

1978 was fetching rather less than two.

Swiss bankers when asked to make the change are too circumspect to ask, as the Americans did in the immediate post-war period, when the dollar was the only currency that counted. "What's that worth in real money?" But some of them obviously think it: "Spend them over there", is one teller's advice to the visitor anxious what to do about dollar funds he has on deposit in a bank in New York.

Effect on pensioners

As for the suffering Americans: "I'd like to give that Blumenthal a good tongue lashing," complains one matron as she goes to cash the family's monthly social security cheque, referring to the U.S. secretary of the treasury who gets most of the blame for the dollar's decline.

What she is up against can be illustrated by a few simple calculations: Suppose you are a retired American couple receiving \$500 a month in social security pension -- still a fairly good income for people who retired in the last ten years, and who had therefore made lower contributions during their earning years than those being levied at the present time.

In 1973, before the traumatic dollar devaluation of that year, the same \$500, at an exchange rate of around Sfr4.20, would have guaranteed an income in Switzerland of over Sfr2,000 a month. That would have been enough to pay the monthly rent for a comfortable apartment, plus food for two and utility bills, and still leave over a fair amount of personal spending money.

But this spring, with the exchange rate down to around Sfr1.85 to the dollar, \$500 can be converted into only Sfr925, which will probably just be enough to pay the rent and utilities. The same inexorable arithmetic applies in all the transactions of daily life. Five years ago \$25 (Sfr100 then) would have been roughly enough to pay for a week's groceries; now, you would need about \$55 -- without taking inflation into account.

Cost of living rise

You can get a quite satisfying meal, including a carafe of wine and coffee, in a quite elegant Swiss restaurant, for, say Sfr60 table d'hôte, for ericans much if they could two. That would not hurt Am-pay for it with the equivalent of \$15, as in times past; now the bill could come to over \$30, which is a very different matter.

Even a humble cup of coffee in a modest Swiss café today will cost you about Sfr1.50, which in U.S. money is equivalent to 80 cents, a horrendous price. And, unlike that pleasant practice in the United States, the Swiss waitress will charge you the same again, every time she fills the cup, instead of refills being on the house.

It must be said that most Americans who are responding to the turnaround in their financial fortunes by heading for home are doing so with reluctance; even if they try to rationalise the step with such explanations as, "Well, we've been away a long time"; or "We miss the grandchildren."

Exodus to continue

Some will hang on as long as they can, stressing the attractions of Swiss stability, tranquillity, order, not forgetting the favourable tax break. The most tenacious will probably be those Americans of European extraction who got American citizenship after fleeing from the Old Continent before and during the Second World War and who came back to Europe after the war, but to Switzerland instead of the original homeland.

But the general exodus is likely to continue, unless there's a reversal on a considerable scale of the dollar's current slide. Many of these expatriate Americans feel they are in the best position to tell their fellow countrymen, including Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and President Jimmy Carter, what is really happening to the former real money these days. That's if anyone's prepared to listen.

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Brazil's planned nuclear plant generates more heat than light

By Jeremy Bugler

LONDON, (E.T.) — Questions are likely to be asked in some of the parliaments of Europe following the news last month that a British state company has offered to help Brazil build a nuclear plant.

Nuclear deals with Brazil have been a matter of intense controversy in Holland and to a lesser degree in Germany over recent months. President Carter's administration has tried and failed to get West Germany to cancel a deal under which the Germans are to build an enrichment plant and a reprocessing works for Brazil. This deal, wrapped up in a package worth some £200m and including also eight huge power plants, is the largest single export deal ever landed by West Germany.

Dutch controversy

In the Netherlands, the government has been greatly troubled by a major controversy -- involving long parliamentary debates, hostile votes, huge demonstrations -- over its role in agreeing to send the Brazilians enriched uranium fuel. The Dutch have a one-third stake in a company called Ureco, set up in 1971 with German, British and Dutch participation. Ureco has two production plants, using the revolutionary gas centrifuge process of enrichment, one at Almelo near the Dutch/German border and one at Capenhurst in Cheshire. Ureco last year agreed to send Brazil a considerable amount of enriched uranium over a ten year period. The deal delighted the Brazilians, who were angry at pressure from the United States in Brazil to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or risk U.S.

With the debate over Brazil's planned nuclear plant getting no cooler, Britain has now stepped in with an offer to help Brazil build the plant. The move will undoubtedly generate more heat than light.

enriched uranium being cut off. The Ureco/Brazil deal does still involve safeguards designed to make sure the material is not misused.

Holland's conscience was aroused when opposition members argued that those safeguards were quite inadequate. After a vote in the Dutch parliament in February, the Dutch government is trying to get the Brazilians to agree to additional safeguards. If they fail to agree, the deal could be jeopardised.

British initiative

The news of Britain's latest initiative will add fuel to the fire. British Nuclear Fuels Limited, a wholly-state-owned company, admitted last week that it is offering to help the Brazilians build a plant to produce hexafluoride, "hex", as it is known colloquially, is a yellow gas form of uranium. It is a dangerous gas but not in the sense that it can be misused to make nuclear weapons. Rather it is the raw material for enrichment plants, which actually produce the uranium, with a high enough concentration of the fissile isotope Uranium 235, to be used in reactors.

Britain's offer to Brazil over the "hex" plant is controversial because critics will argue that the "hex" plant will be servicing the German-built enrichment plant in Brazil. And the enrichment plant is one of the kinds of plants that at the Nuclear Suppliers Gro-

up (a consortium of 15 or so nuclear nations) say is "sensitive" technology -- that is, it can be used for weapons-manufacture and should be subject to stringent controls. Experts say that nuclear engineers, if ordered, can change the performance of an enrichment plant so that instead of producing low-enriched uranium for power-reactors it puts out high-enriched uranium, which can be made into nuclear weapons.

Brazilian government

In the Netherlands and to a lesser extent in Britain, some M.P.s are arguing that Brazil is not fitted for the care of nuclear material. They point to Brazil's military government and to the appointment of Gen. Joao Baptista Figueiredo to be its next president. The general is the chief of Brazil's intelligence services and is widely accused of repression.

They also draw on a recent incident in which six of Brazil's most senior nuclear engineers were threatened by police that they would lose their jobs. The six men last month refused to sign a statement saying that Brazil's first nuclear power station at Angra do Reis, in Rio de Janeiro state, is safe.

For its part, Brazil is angry that it is being asked for higher and higher safeguard standards from nations which themselves have the use of -- or protection from -- nuclear

weapons. The former Dutch Foreign Minister, Max Van Der Stoep, has called on Brazil, for example, to allow all its nuclear installations to be open to international inspectors, to make quite certain that at no small quantity of plutonium has been smuggled away from the plutonium storage centre. Brazil, offended at this slur on its honesty, has angrily refused.

Ureco's row

Meanwhile, the Anglo-Dutch-German combine Ureco has the support of the British and the German government over the safeguards agreement. It has negotiated with Brazil. Basically this consists of Brazil agreeing to set up the "plutonium storage regime", under which all plutonium produced from the Ureco fuel can be checked by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency. But the Dutch parliament will not yet accept this as adequate and wants further conditions.

Today it is possible that the row will lead to the break-up of Ureco. It could become an Anglo-German concern, according to reliable sources, with Brazil's uranium sent from Capenhurst in England. The Dutch could be left to use their Almelo plant for what they will. However, M.P.s in Britain are starting to get interested in the Brazil deal, and in Britain's behaviour in offering help over the "hex" plant. They are likely to bring some pressure for explanations from the British government. One of these M.P.s, Mr. Leo Abse, says "This Brazil business is not out of the wood yet."

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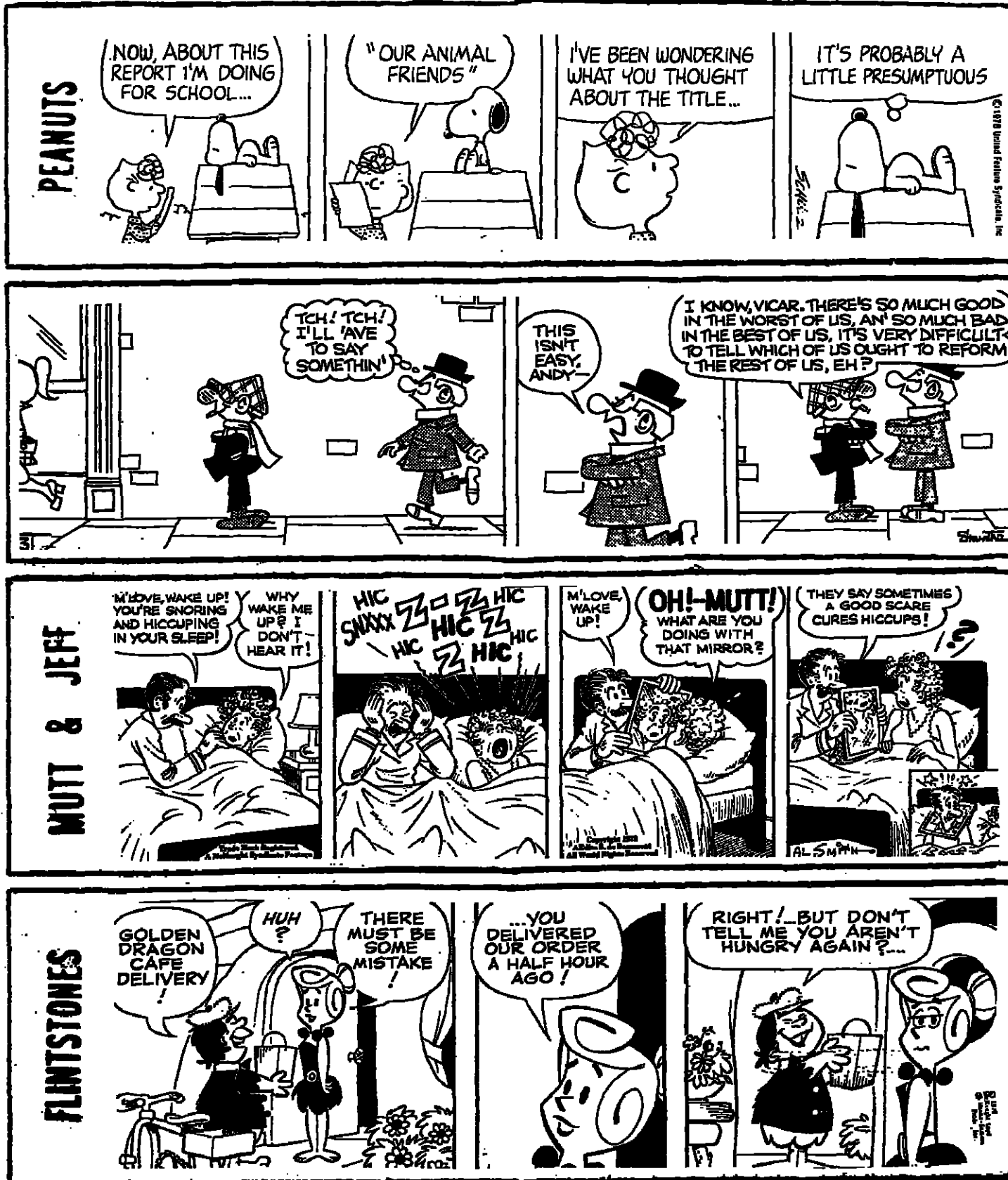
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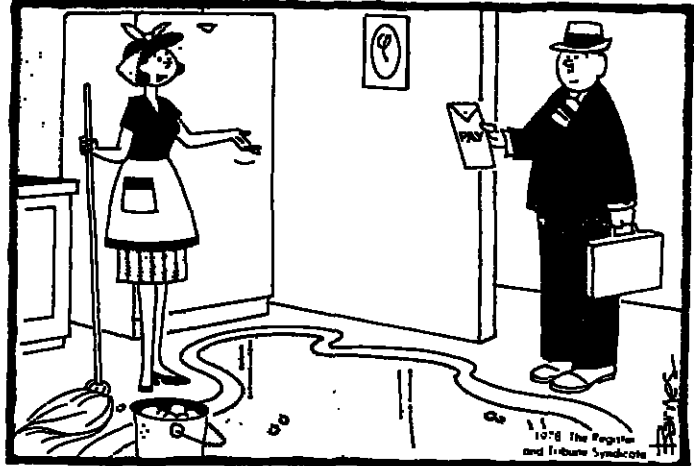
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♠ J8652
♥ Void
♦ J109
♣ Q9543

EAST
♠ A93
♥ 9754
♦ A654
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ K7
♥ K83
♦ KQ7
♣ AK82

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Seven of ♣.

During the play of the hand every card tells a story. West's choice of opening lead was directly responsible for his partner's defense on this hand.

The bidding meets with our approval. North correctly showed his five-card major in response to his partner's opening bid, then indicated his distaste for no trump by supporting opener's suit. However, South's wealth of stoppers in the red suits swayed him to attempt to take nine tricks at no trump. A diamond lead would

have been effective, but West decided to lead the unbid major. Had he routinely led his fourth-best, declarer would have coasted home. East would surely win the ace and return the suit, and by finessing the jack declarer would score two hearts, two diamonds and five club tricks.

West decided that it might be important to convey to partner that he held nothing in hearts, so he selected his second-best heart. To East, it immediately became apparent that declarer held king-jack in the suit, and that a heart continuation would only give declarer a trick he couldn't score otherwise.

Therefore, East decided to win the ace of hearts and look for more fertile fields. Spades and clubs were unattractive as a source of tricks, so East shifted to a diamond. Now the defense was firmly in control. Since declarer couldn't come to nine tricks without developing a trick in spades, all West had to do was win the ace of diamonds and continue diamonds whenever he gained the lead. Eventually he would establish the setting trick before declarer could set up his ninth, and the defenders were sure to collect two spades, a heart and two diamonds.

